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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE MINISTERS CONDEMN EIDO ASSASSINATION  
AND SUPPORT SINIORA

¶1. (SBU) Arab League foreign ministers, meeting late on June 15 at AL headquarters in Cairo, addressed Lebanon in addition to their previously-scheduled Hamas agenda at the request of PM Siniora. The AL statement (full text paragraph 2) condemns the assassination of Lebanese MP Walid Eido, offers yet-unspecified assistance to the LAF in controlling the Lebanese-Syrian border, and announces a "high-level delegation" to meet with Lebanese political figures in the coming month. Chief of Staff to the AL SYG Hisham Youssef stressed the AL's border security assistance offer during a June 18 briefing to the diplomatic corps and said that the Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and Qatar representatives would be at the minister of state level while Egypt would be represented by an MFA U/S-equivalent. Youssef did not rule out a visit to Damascus when asked by poloff. SYG Amr Moussa departs for Beirut on June 19 to lay the groundwork for this effort.

¶2. (U) Text of June 15, 2007 Arab League ministerial resolution 6784 on Lebanon.

Begin unofficial AL translation:

Situation in Lebanon

In the emergency meeting dated June 15, 2007, the League's Council, at its ministerial level:

Having considered the memorandum of the General Secretariat,

Aware of the gravity of the current political crisis in Lebanon and its repercussions on the prospects of security and stability in Lebanon and on the conditions in the region,

Pursuant to the Arab efforts, and in particular the good offices of the Secretary General, to assist Lebanon in overcoming its current crisis,

Having listened to the statement of the Head of Delegation of the Lebanese Government regarding the serious developments regarding the security and political conditions in Lebanon,

Re-confirming the previous resolutions concerning its solidarity with Lebanon, and

In light of the discussions conducted by the Council,

Decides

¶1. To condemn the criminal assassination of Lebanese MP Walid Eido, his son, his companions as well as other innocent citizens; to call upon all Lebanese people to unify their stance against such criminal terrorist acts that attempt to

undermine national stability, security and unity of Lebanon;  
and to support Lebanon in its pursuit to identify the  
perpetrators and to put an end to this series of  
assassinations.

¶2. To call upon all Lebanese political forces to resume their  
national dialogue in order to defy all attempts that aim to  
tamper with the security and stability of Lebanon; and to  
pursue national reconciliation to address the current  
political crisis.

¶3. To help Lebanon in controlling its borders with Syria.

¶4. To call upon all parties to pursue an end to the smuggling  
of weapons or armed elements into Lebanon.

¶5. To provide assistance to the Lebanese government and the  
Lebanese armed forces in their fight against terrorism in a  
manner that will contribute in achieving security.

¶6. To assist Lebanon in addressing problems resulting from  
the presence of Palestinian arms outside the refugee camps.

¶7. To request an end to provocations, unsubstantiated  
accusations and incitement to violence; and request the  
Secretary General to follow-up on the situation and to submit

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reports whenever necessary.

¶8. To form a high-level delegation headed by the Secretary  
General with the membership of the Saudi Arabia, Tunisia,  
Qatar, and Egypt, and to request this delegation to conduct  
meetings with the Lebanese presidency, parliament,  
government, and political leaders in light of the terrorist

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and assassination crimes that Lebanon is facing, in addition  
to the smuggling of weapons and intrusion of armed elements;  
to create suitable conditions for the resumption of the  
Lebanese national dialogue on all pending matters; and to  
conduct the necessary contacts with concerned regional and  
international parties regarding the developments of the  
situation.

End text.  
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